

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

Claims 1-119 are pending. Claims 1, 7, 12, 18, 19, 27, 28, 31, 37, 38, 44, 49, 61, 67, 71, 83, 89, 94, 100, 101, 109, 110, 113 and 119 are amended. Support for the changes to the claims is self-evident from the originally filed disclosure, including the original claims, and therefore no new matter is added.

In the Office Action claims 1-119 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,202,092 to Takimoto. It is requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn, and the claims allowed, for the following reasons.

The present invention, as set forth in independent claim 1, is directed to a printing system. Specifically, the independent claim recites a terminal apparatus for transmitting information including a request to execute a print job, and for receiving information. Notification means are used for notifying a user of the printing apparatus regarding authority of the user to use the printing apparatus. The notification means notifies the user prior to the transmission of the request to execute the print job to be printed by the printing apparatus.

The present invention can provide numerous advantages. By way of specific non-limiting examples, in the claimed invention a user is notified that a particular request to execute a print job will not be authorized to be printed with a printing apparatus. The user receives this notification regarding authorization prior to transmission of the request. Thus, the user is prevented from wasting time submitting requests for print jobs that he is not authorized to have printed.

Takimoto is directed to a print system manager. It is submitted that Takimoto does not disclose or render obvious, however, the claimed features of notifying a user regarding

authority of the user to use a printing apparatus prior to transmission of a request to execute a print job, as recited in independent claim 1. Rather, as discussed in column 5, lines 3-14, of Takimoto, it is not until a request to execute a print job is made that authorization to use the printing apparatus is determined and a user is notified regarding that authorization.

Specifically, the above-referenced portion of Takimoto states that “[i]f the requests are print requests . . . the security validating portion 22b determines whether the requests are . . . allowed or not.” Thus, because Takimoto discloses that it is not until after the user makes a request to execute a print job that authorization is determined, rather than notifying the user prior to transmission of the request, Takimoto does not teach or suggest the above-discussed claimed features recited in independent claim 1. It is further submitted that Takimoto does not provide the advantages provided by the claimed invention. In particular, the user of the system of Takimoto is not prevented from wasting time submitting requests for print jobs that are not authorized. Instead, as stated in Takimoto, it is not until after the requests are made that “an error indication is given.” See column 5, lines 17-20, of Takimoto.

For these reasons, it is requested that the rejection of independent claim 1 be withdrawn. The allowance of independent claim 1 is therefore requested.

Independent claims 19, 27, 38, 61, 83, 101 and 109 are allowable for reasons similar to those discussed with respect to independent claim 1. The remaining claims are allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend, as well as for their own features particularly in combination with the features of the independent claims.

Therefore, the allowance of claims 2-119 also is requested.

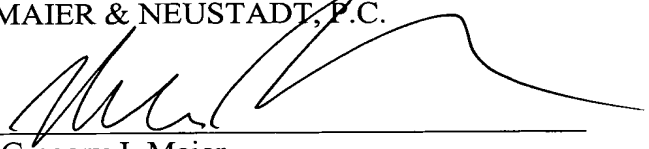
Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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